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Recommendation to the Faculty Senate by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Friday, January 19, 2007

Members: Randy Buchanan, Cheryl Goggin, John Rachal, Paula Smithka

Proposed Changes in The Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

[Deleted language in brackets] **New language in bold**

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

Division 1: Faculty Senate Elections; Article 6 Voting Procedures; Section 344

Based on the distribution of votes cast for the first round of balloting in a given Senate representative election, [the Elections Committee shall exercise its collective judgment in determining whether an additional round is necessary and the number of candidates to be listed on that ballot.] **and given no candidate receives more than 50% of the valid votes cast, the two candidates receiving the most number of votes shall proceed to the second round ballot.** [The Elections Committee will also determine if a third round is necessary. At the end of each round, potential new members shall be contacted to determine their willingness to serve.] **At the end of the first round, potential new members shall be contacted to determine their willingness to serve. In the event a candidate is unable to serve, the candidate who receives the next highest number of valid votes will proceed. Only in the case that the second round results in a tie will a third round be necessary.**

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

Division 1: Faculty Senate Elections; Article 6 Voting Procedures; Section 345

A majority vote [(one more than half of the valid votes cast)] **(more than 50% of the valid votes cast)** shall be required to elect a Senate representative on the first and second rounds of balloting. If a [third] **second** round of balloting is required, the candidate or candidates receiving the greatest number of valid votes cast shall be declared the representative or representatives. **If in the event of a tie, a third round of balloting is required.** A tie vote on the third round of balloting shall be resolved by lot by the Elections Committee.

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

Division 1: Faculty Senate Elections; Article 4 Voter Eligibility; Section 320

As prescribed in Section 130 of the constitution, only those individuals who are employed by USM and are full-time faculty or professional librarians without any qualifying designation such as "visiting," "special," or "adjunct," shall be eligible to vote for representatives to the Senate. **And, as referred to in Section 110 of the constitution, the membership of the Senate, composed of the full-time faculties of designated academic divisions of the University with administrative rank no higher than Chair, shall be eligible to vote for representatives to the Senate.**

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